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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Nga B. Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is the answer to the Amendment filed on June 22, 2005, which paper has been placed of record in the file.
2. Claims 5-8 are pending in this application.

Response to Arguments/Amendment

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 5-8 have been considered but are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument regarding to claims 5-8, examiner submits that although Maggioncalda, U.S. Patent No. 5,918,217 fails to disclose performing an arithmetic performance attribution computation in a specific way, including by determining coefficients of a specifically recited type, and determining portfolio relative performance at a specific way using these coefficients, but Maggioncalda's computer system and computer readable medium is capable of performing an arithmetic performance attribution computation and displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation. Therefore, it is obvious that Maggioncalda's computer system and computer readable medium is capable of performing an arithmetic performance attribution computation in a specific way, including by determining coefficients of a specifically recited type, and determining portfolio relative performance at a specific way using these coefficients.

In conclusion, for the reason set forth above, examiner decides to maintain the previous rejection and make this Office action FINAL.

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4. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maggioncalda et al (hereinafter Maggioncalda), U.S. Patent No. 5,918,217.

Regarding to claims 5-8, Maggioncalda discloses a computer system and computer readable medium, comprising:

a processor programmed to perform an arithmetic performance attribution

computation to determine portfolio performance (figure 2, processor 202; column 6, lines 25-42);

a display device coupled to the processor arithmetic performance attribution computation for displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation (figure 1, display 221; column 6, lines 45-55).

Examiner submits that the claimed invention recites an intended use, although Maggioncalda fails to discuss the intended use which is to perform an arithmetic performance attribution computation in a specific way, including by determining coefficients of a specifically recited type, and determining portfolio relative performance at a specific way using these coefficients, Maggioncalda's computer system and computer readable medium is capable of performing an arithmetic performance attribution computation and displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Maggioncalda's to include the feature above for the purpose of performing an arithmetic performance attribution computation in a specific way, determining portfolio relative performance at a specific way and displaying a result of the arithmetic performance attribution computation.

"The recitation of a new intended use for an old product does not make a claim to that old product patentable." *In re Schreiber*, 44 USPQ2d 1429 (Fed. Cir. 1997).

Conclusion

7. Claims 5-8 are rejected.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Nga B. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-6796. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM-6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung S. Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-3600.

9. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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